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Muslims Manufacture Guns in Calcutta: Muslims from Punjab and Bihar Arrive in Calcutta

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SUPPLEMENT

1. Hindus are trying to collect arms and ammunition.

- Muslims are manufacturing guns for 43 caliber bullets. These are made of eight 2. inch pips with a rough triangular wooden handle and look like toy pistols with very thin triggers. They have a firing range of 800 yards (? sic) and can be used for five shots before they need cooling. These guns are being made in the Muslim area of Calcutta and sell for 80 rupees each. The manufacturers also supply cartridges, which are either refilled or stolen Army property, at one rupes per round.
- Muslims, who are active League members with a background of killing and looting in the Punjab, are coming to Calcutta. They say they were paid by the Muslim League to leave the Punjab so that they could evade the police.

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Twenty thousand Muslims from Bihar have recently infiltrated into Calcutta. Also one Punjab regiment, recently disbanded by the British in Punjab, was hired by the Muslim League as a group and is now in Calcutta. Its members are still wearing the regimental black beret.

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